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SUMMARY. JAPANESE MEDIA COUNTED HEADS AT JSP 30 ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION NOVEMBER 2 AND FOUND KOMEITO CHAIRMAN, MIDDLE-LEVEL JCP REP, BUT NO REPS FROM LDP OR DSP. FOR FIRST TIME, ACCORDING TO PRESS, MIDDLE-LEVEL WESTERN DIPLOMATS (INCLUDING US) ATTENDED OFFICIAL JSP-SPONSORED RECEPTION. ROUTINE ADDRESS BY JSP CHAIRMAN NARITA URGED REFORM OF PARTY ADMINISTRATION. INCLUSION OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS IS EVIDENCE OF STRENGTHENED POSITION OF JSP LEADERS WHO FAVOR INCREASED CONTACTS WITH WEST. END SUMMARY.

1. SOME FIVE HUNDRED GUESTS ASSEMBLED AT A WELL-KNOWN TOKYO GARDEN RESTAURANT NOVEMBER 2 TO HELP CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP). GUESTS INCLUDED SOHYO ELITE, LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER SHIGESABURO MAEO (NOW "INDEPENDENT"), CGP CHAIRMAN TAKEIRI AND MIDDLE-LEVEL JCP OFFICIALS, BUT NO REPRESENTATIVES OF LDP OR DSP. IN ADDITION TO COMMUNIST BLOC REGULARS, MIDDLE-LEVEL WESTERN DIPLOMATS ATTENDED -- FOR THE FIRST TIME, ACCORD

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ING TO PRESS -- AN OFFICIALLY SPONSORED JSP COMMEMORATIVE FUNCTION.
ASAHI DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT PRC WAS REPRESENTED BY CHARGE
WHILE SOVIETS SENT A COUNSELOR.

2. IN ONLY ADDRESS AT RECEPTION, JSP CHAIRMAN NARITA NOTED THAT,
WHILE PARTY HAD STRUGGLED OVER THE YEARS TO PRESERVE THE PEACE CON-
STITUTION AND OPPOSE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, MOST PRESSING PROBLEM
NOW
IS TO STRENGTHEN PARTY ADMINISTRATION. NOTING THAT LDP HAD BUREAUCRACY
AT ITS DISPOSAL FOR POLICY FORMULATION, NARITA EMPHASIZED THAT JSP
MUST STRENGTHEN ITS EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION, USING NON-PARTY SOU-
RCES IN NECESSARY. HE ADDED THAT PARTY MUST NOT MERELY OPPOSE LDP
POLICIES, BUT MUST BE ABLE TO PRESENT CONVINCING ALTERNATIVES.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS HAVE EXISTED OVER THE
YEARS,
INCLUSION OF WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN OFFICIAL PARTY RECEPTION IS
EVIDENCE
OF STRENGTHENED POSITION OF THOSE PARTY LEADERS WHO ADVOCATE EXPANDED
CONTACTS WITH WESTERN DEMOCRACIES.
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